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Quietness

"Be still and know that I am God,"
That I who made and gave thee life
Will lead thy faltering steps aright;
That I who see each sparrow's fall
Will hear and heed thy earnest call.
I am God.

"Be still and know that I am God,"
When aching burdens crush thy heart,
Then know I formed thee for thy part
And purpose in the plan I hold.
Thou art the clay that I would mold.
Trust in God.

"Be still and know that I am God,"
Who made the atom's tiny span
And set it moving to my plan,
That I who guide the stars above
Will guide and keep thee in My love.
Be thou still.

—Doran

Announcing Our Camps

FIRST HOLINESS CAMP MEETING

to be held in

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Aug. 3 to Aug. 10, 1947

Sunday

Morning—

The Bottleneck of Our Faith.....Albert Engle

Afternoon—

The Romance of Holiness.....Jesse Lady

The College Quartette.....A Half Hour Program

Evening—

Evangelistic.....Albert Engle

Monday

Morning—

The Bible's Most Important Commandment.. Jesse Lady

Afternoon—

Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.....Albert Engle

Five Things We Ought To Know.....Jesse Lady

Evening—

Evangelistic.....Albert Engle

Tuesday

Morning—

The Church's Secret of Power..Albert Engle

Afternoon—

The Message of the Christian Church.....Ray Witter

The Glorious Hope of the Church.....Jesse Lady

Evening—

Evangelistic.....Albert Engle

Wednesday

Morning—

Photo of the Old Man.....Ray Witter

Afternoon—

Photo of the New Man.....Albert Engle

FOURTH ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

August 16-24, 1947

at

MEMORIAL HOLINESS CAMP

near

West Milton, Ohio

Saturday, August 16, 1947

P.M.

7:30—Song and Praise

8:00—Evangelistic Message.....Eld. Henry A. Ginder

Sunday, August 17

A.M.

9:30—Sunday School.....Glendon Snider, Supt.

10:30—Song and Praise

11:00—Sermon.....Eld. John N. Hostetter

P.M.

2:00—Devotions

2:15—Dedication Service

2:45—Dedication Sermon.....Bishop Charlie B. Byers

3:45—Dedication of Tabernacle.....Supt. of Roxbury Camp

Bishop Wilber Snider

6:30—Prayer Period

Eld. Raymond H. Paulus

7:00—Song and Praise

8:00—Evangelistic Message.....H. A. Ginder

Monday, August 18

A.M.

10:15—Prayer Period

10:45—Devotions

11:00—Temple Cleanliness.....J. N. Hostetter

Holiness and Human Imperfection.....To be supplied

Evening—

Evangelistic.....Albert Engle

Thursday

Subject: The Home

Topics to be discussed:

The Sacredness of the Marriage Vow

Children, the Heritage of the Lord

The Family Altar

Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child

Finding Our Place in the Home

Evening—

Evangelistic.....Albert Engle

Friday

Missionary Rally

The program of the day will be arranged by the following speakers:

Ray Witter.....

Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board

Albert Engle.....

Secretary of the Home Mission Board

Elwood Hershey.....Returned Missionary

Saturday

Young People's Day

Morning—

Christ and Young People.....Ray Witter

But Seek Ye First.....Albert Engle

Afternoon—

Program in charge of Young People

Sunday

Morning—

Sermon.....Albert Engle

Afternoon—

Dedication Program

Sermon.....Ray Witter

Evening—

Evangelistic.....Albert Engle

P.M.

2:00—Song and Praise

2:00—Children's Meeting in Children's Tent

2:30—Seven Satisfying Sequences of

Salvation.....H. A. Ginder

3:15—The God of Peace.....J. N. Hostetter

7:30—Song and Praise

8:00—Evangelistic Message.....H. A. Ginder

Tuesday, August 19

A.M.

9:45—Devotions

10:15—A Carnal Righteous One.....J. N. Hostetter

11:00—Two Springs.....H. A. Ginder

P.M.

1:45—Devotions

1:45—Children's Meeting

2:00—Sermon.....Eld. J. Elwood Hershey

2:45—Intermission

3:00—Devotions

3:10—Sanctify Yourselves Against

Tomorrow.....J. N. Hostetter

7:30—Devotions

8:00—Evangelistic Message.....H. A. Ginder

Wednesday, August 20

A.M.

9:45—Devotions

10:15—Sermon.....Eld. Charles Engle

11:00—The Holy Spirit Part I.....J. N. Hostetter

P.M.

2:00—Devotions

2:00—Children's Meeting

2:30—Holy Spirit Part II.....J. N. Hostetter

3:15—Fleet Footed Saints.....H. A. Ginder

7:30—Song and Praise

8:00—Evangelistic Message.....H. A. Ginder

Thursday, August 21

Home Missionary Meeting

Dale Ulery, Chairman

A.M.

9:45—Devotions

10:00—Opening a New Field in the City.....Eld. Eli Hostetter

10:25—Song

10:30—Laboring On.....Mrs. William H. Engle

10:55—Forward with Christ.....Eld. Edward Giles

11:20—Song

11:25—A Man.....Bishop Wilber Snider

11:45—Appeal.....Eld. Henry A. Ginder

Foreign Missionary Meeting

Eld. Carl J. Ulery, Chairman

P.M.

1:30—Devotions

1:45—Training Teachers and Preachers in Africa.....Kathryn Wengert

2:10—Song

2:15—Evangelistic Program in Africa.....Eld. J. Elwood Hershey

2:40—African Customs and Social Life as affected by Christianity.....Mrs. J. Elwood Hershey

3:10—Song

3:15—Extending our Borders to the Santals.....Eld. Charles Engle

3:40—Appeal

7:30—Song and Praise

8:00—Evangelistic Message.....H. A. Ginder

Friday, August 22

A.M.

9:45—Devotions

10:15—Message.....Guest Minister

11:00—Empty, Swept and Garnished, but—J. N. Hostetter

Memorial Service

P.M.

2:00—Devotions

2:00—Children's Meeting

2:30—Heroes of History.....J. N. Hostetter

3:15—The Memory of the Just.....H. A. Ginder

7:30—Song and Praise

8:00—Evangelistic Message.....H. A. Ginder

Saturday, August 23—Young People's Day

A.M.

9:45—Devotions

10:15—Who is He that Overcometh?.....J. N. Hostetter

11:00—Divine Healing Service.....H. A. Ginder

P.M.

1:30—Opening Singing.....N. E. Smith

1:45—Devotions.....Pauline Herr

2:00—Special Song

2:10—Panel Discussion—

"What Would Jesus Do?"

Ernest Boyer Kathleen Aiken

Marvin Freed Ruth Wenger

James Payne

2:40—Special Song

2:50—Reading.....Naomi Cassel

3:00—Special Song

3:10—Value of Separation.....J. N. Hostetter

7:15—Devotions

7:30—Tri-County Chorus.....Raymond Niesley, Director

8:00—Evangelistic Message.....H. A. Ginder

Sunday, August 24

A.M.

9:30—Sunday School.....L. D. Hane, Supt.

10:30—Song and Praise

11:00—Sermon.....H. A. Ginder

P.M.

2:00—Devotions

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Editorial

My Brethren

EVIDENTLY to the apostle Paul his spiritual brethren in the Lord were a great source of inspiration and blessing. Amid the despairing experiences of the voyage to Rome the Lord had stood marvelously by his side. In addition to his feeling the glory of the Divine Presence we are told when Paul met the brethren at Appiforum, he took courage. There must have been something in their beaming eyes and warm hand clasps that stimulated his soul.

When the brethren who are responsible to make the choice of the editor of the Publications of the Brethren in Christ Church, asked us last January if we would consent to assume the responsibilities of this sacred office as of August first, a deep sense of personal inadequacy took hold of our being. The sacred atmosphere of the Lord's presence seemed to make it plain that such was the will of the Lord for the present, and to be fully in the will of the Lord meant to accept.

The kind expressions and well wishes of the brethren present were a great source of inspiration. Then, I also remember a large group whom I am happy to call "my brethren" who are scattered throughout the U. S. A. and Canada, reaching as far as Africa and India. With your prayers and assistance under the leadership of the Holy Spirit we trust the periodicals of the Brethren in Christ Church will continue to bring inspiration and blessing to home firesides and wherever its pages are read.

We are deeply grateful for our associate editors, Bish. E. J. Swalm, Eld. Jesse F. Lady and Eld. John A. Climenhaga, who will share in the manuscripts of the editorial page. It is our hope that those designated as the contributing staff will make periodic contributions so as to become a definite and regular part of the Evangelical Visitor. Then, too, we have good brethren who are also busy men, whom we trust and pray, will find time to make contributions that will give their messages to many who may not have the privilege of hearing them speak personally.

As your editor sees it, a great deal of our responsibility is the task of organizing. Since the Evangelical Visitor is the denominational organ of the Brethren in Christ Church, may we make it the avenue of disseminating Biblical truth as presented by Brethren in Christ ministers and leaders. May the Lord help us to so present truth that it will bless our respective brethren.

Worldly men may hate us for righteousness' sake, but let us take care that they only hate us for that which has a tendency to do them good.—*Selected.*

erhood and be a blessing and inspiration to all hearts that have a love for the truth. Our periodical should be attracted into every Brethren in Christ home and warmly received by any home anywhere.

The news reports of districts, congregations, mission areas, etc. are of vital interest to all of us. The far flung battlefronts, whether they be Africa, India, the Philippines or elsewhere, are able to make a vital contact with a church who is interested in their program and praying for them.

To our devoted and retiring editor, who now accepts a new responsibility, we wish God's richest blessing! May Bro. Hoover have administrative wisdom and spiritual warmth as he contacts our corps of workers in the Philippines, and farther into the Far East. Our prayers and the prayers of the church will follow him there.

While not living at the Publishing House at Nappanee, Indiana, we feel a great sense of support in those who will take the manuscripts as they clear through our office here at Clarence Center, New York and will bring them to you in good style and as promptly as possible. Bro. Jacob G. Kuhns will compile and arrange the periodicals and Eld. Erwin Thomas will endeavor to have them printed and gotten to you at the time you look for them.

We feel that back of us is a praying church that will remember the editor and his staff and will pray for the continued fruitfulness of the printed page. Pray that God will bless and feed the saints and convict and save the sinners.

Even so to this end, help us our God and Father in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

—J. N. H.

To the Church at Large

The editorial work of the Brethren in Christ periodicals and Sunday School literature became the responsibility of Eld. J. N. Hostetter, Clarence Center, New York, as of August 1, 1947.

The office of the new editor is at Clarence Center, New York. All materials for publication, including religious articles, church news, marriages, obituaries, mission reports announcements and bulletins should be sent directly to the office of the Editor, Clarence Center, New York.

The periodicals will continue to be printed and mailed at E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Indiana, to which all subscriptions and orders should be sent.

"Week-End Tragedies"

*Recently a Canadian News Commentator gave a very significant warning as he closed a Friday evening broadcast. He called attention to the national holiday on the following Monday and said "According to the law of averages supported by statistics for the last ten years there will be twenty-five people killed over the week-end by traffic accidents, drowning, etc., so please drive carefully and exercise caution as you seek to enjoy this holiday." We were forcibly struck by the statement and watched the papers very diligently to mark results. By Monday night the number given was exceeded by a small margin and this in spite of the solemn warnings that were given a few nights previously.

We were unusually moved by this experience and turned our attention to another side of life. We thought of the spiritual tragedies that are proving fatal to so many of the Lord's people in this the most dangerous age that perhaps anyone ever lived. It seems that warnings loud and forceful prove futile in preventing them. Where are people spending their week-ends? Their pastor has a heavy heart when he notices their absence. He knows they are neglecting the house of God perhaps to visit some friends, or just to tour the country-side or take in one of the many subtle, harmless-looking, pleasure-seeking adventures. The wide-awake pastor knows that according to the law of averages there are so many people who will backslide each year for whom these week-end escapades are but symptoms of the spiritual ill health and tragic fatalities that are just ahead of them.

Dear Reader, according to the law of averages a certain number will have been lured from their steadfastness in the faith in the next year. Will it be you? It need not be, for coupled with all the grave warnings we have a promise that "He is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." May God grant that in the midst of these summer time follies we may give double diligence to our spiritual welfare and prevent an eternal tragedy.—E. J. S.

"Abide in me, and I in you" (John 15:14).

A man's physical health depends far more upon the air he breathes than upon the food he eats. Why did Jesus talk about abiding? Because He provided an abiding place, and the mischief is that we forget our abiding place. You cannot prosper spiritually unless you live in the atmosphere here below that belongs to the world above, and this you find in Christ. God has provided it for us.

—Evan H. Hopkins.

Open Windows

John L. Perham

THAT the Bible is the best seller in literature and has been translated into one thousand languages, should give credence to the statement that it is a unique Book—God-inspired—for in no other way can we account for its universal popularity through the centuries.

We could easily exhaust the list of adjectives in describing it and then fail to do it justice. It is historic, informative, inspirational, instructive, original; also intensely illustrative and practical, as applying to the spiritual life. With these last two qualities in mind, let us consider the subject, Open Windows, and apply some of the Bible illustrative material to practical Christian living.

Let us notice first the window of *investigation*, and we will find our illustrative reference in Genesis 8:6, 7: "Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: and he sent forth a raven." Reading on we find he sent forth a dove and seven days after her return, sent her again. The incident is familiar. Noah after being shut in the ark so long, determined to make an investigation concerning outside conditions. He used the means at hand, and having ascertained that the waters had abated, he removed the covering of the ark and at God's command came out of it onto dry ground. It showed wisdom on Noah's part that he made an investigation. It was a wise provision for himself and the other occupants of the ark. Now the application of this incident to the open window of investigation of *spiritual truth*.

Not all the statements of men concerning the Bible can be relied on. It is not safe to accept all the theories put out concerning its historical veracity and the interpretations given to its statements. The individual has the privilege, nay, it is his duty, to open the window of investigation concerning the truth. The truth of the Bible will bear the severest investigation. When have its statements ever been disproved, its teachings successfully refuted, its promises unverified to the one of faith?

To become a Christian one does not have to make a pledge of loyalty and afterward find what he has subscribed to, as in joining social fraternities. "Come now, and let us reason together," God says. "Search the Scriptures," was the injunction of Jesus, and the Bereans searched them daily to see if the preaching of Paul was according to the Word of God. Even Thomas, who was skeptical concerning the resurrection of the Lord, was invited by Jesus to investigate, put his finger into the print of the nails, thrust his hand into His side and obtain adequate proof of His bodily resurrection on which to place an intelligent faith.

The view through the open window of investigation by the earnest seeker after truth, is rewarded by such revelations of the Holy Spirit as cause his heart to pulsate with joy at the magnitude of Divine revelation on which to base a positive faith. The one who makes a thorough investigative search for spiritual truth, will no more be disappointed at the outcome than was Noah in opening the window and sending out the dove. To close the window and entertain doubts will be destructive to the spiritual life of the one so doing.

But in order that the outcome of the opening of the window of investigation may accomplish the most possible for the individual, another window also needs to be opened—the window God-ward—of *communion with the infinite*. Daniel opened this window while in his Babylonian captivity and it has a tremendous effect on his future life (Dan. 6:10). Knowing that the king's edict had been signed intending to curtail his prayer life, nothing daunted, he went into his chamber and his window being open toward Jerusalem, knelt down and gave thanks to God three times a day as was his custom. Had his prayer life been neglected he would not have been able to have had revealed to him the interpretation of dreams, which the wise men of Babylon could not declare, nor would he have been in line for the Divine revelations concerning great future events which the angel unfolded to him in the marvelous visions by the river.

The world may not see the window of prayer open, always, but according to the teaching of Jesus the results will be apparent. Hear what He says in Matthew 6:6: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." The cause of failure in the life of many a Christian is because the window of prayer has not been opened and daily contact with Heaven maintained. Doubts and fears cannot abide where an unbroken contact with the Heavenly Father is in effect. Our Lord has said, "Men ought always to pray," and all through the Scriptures a definite emphasis is placed on the absolute necessity of prayer as it relates to the character and accomplishment of the Christian. If the window sticks through long closing, pry it up, face Heavenward; contact the Infinite through His Divine Son, the Mediator, and, as sure as the Word of God is true, a blessing shall come to yourself and to others, and through the window of investigation you will arrive at definite conclusions of truth to your eternal good.

The third window needing to be opened, is the window of *escape*. Turn to the record of the conquest of the land of Canaan by

the Israelites and read again of the reception of the two men who went to spy out the land, by Rahab the harlot (Josh. 2). Rahab recounted her knowledge of the doings of the God of Israel for His people, affirms that He is the only Lord God of Heaven and earth, and prays that as she has shown kindness to these two men, her life may be spared. She opened the window and let the spies down by a red cord, and they assured her that if she placed that cord in the window she and her household should be preserved that she open the window and fasten the cord in plain sight? Ah, it was a matter of life or death with her! Think you she would be negligent in regard to opening the window and displaying the red cord? Assuredly not. She attended to the matter and was saved. So the open window of escape not only afforded a means of a safe get-away to the spies, but was for her a medium of salvation in the great destruction of her city.

Now the promises of God are intended to be a window of escape for every sinner, but if they refuse to open the window; that is, to personally appropriate them, they will be utterly unavailing. The promise stands, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out"; but in refusing to come the soul remains shut out from the blessings and benefits of the Gospel invitation. Satan will do all in his power to keep the soul from using this window of escape. He will bar it with unbelief that the promises can possibly apply to such an individual. He will shutter it up and suggest some larger and more attractive window through which to effect an escape, or if the individual has kept the path of moral rectitude he will insist that there is nothing to escape from, consequently nothing to worry about.

But as true as is the statement of John 3:16 that whosoever believeth on the Son shall have everlasting life, so is the statement of John 3:36: "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." So we see that the way of escape was by the window of faith in the case of Rahab, in binding the scarlet cord because she rested on the promise of the spies, so the way of escape for the sinner is by casting himself on the promises of God which assure pardon to all who accept of the atonement provided by the death of His Son on the Cross. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Claim this promise in faith and an effectual window of escape from the penalty and power of sin is assured.

The fourth window we will name as logically following, which needs opening by those who have opened the other windows, is the window of *worship*.

The decline in church attendance so noticeable in many instances to-day, is an evidence to the fact that the window of

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How to Know If One Has A Missionary Call

Robert Hall Glover

Editor's Note: We commend this enlightening article especially to our Young People who are sincerely asking this same question. This great missionary of the Cross, Dr. Glover has recently answered the summons to come up higher, thus closing a long and distinguished earthly career. Reprinted by permission from the Church-hill Tabernacle Evangelist.

"**W**HAT constitutes a missionary call?" "How may I know whether I am called to be a missionary?"

Perhaps no questions are more constantly asked by earnest young Christians in Bible institutes and missionary conferences than these. And not without good reason, for they are admittedly important questions. Nothing could be more vital for any person setting out for the mission field than to be clearly assured of the call, and of the leading of the Lord in taking that step. Without such assurance one would be exposed to distressing doubts and to the subtle insinuations of the Evil One in facing the many difficulties and severe trials which are inseparable from missionary life and labor.

Yes, one needs to be unmistakably sure of the call of God to missionary service. But the vital point is to look in the right direction for the missionary call. For it must be said that there is a lot of fog and illusion and false sentiment, and at times also evasion and self-deception, about this question. One person does not feel called, while another does feel called, and both of them may be alike mistaken.

A Model Call

What, then, is the true nature of the right basis of a missionary call? We have no set formula or patent prescription to offer, but we turn with this problem, as with every other, to the Word of God for a solution. And in this instance let us turn in particular to the book of Acts as the God-given handbook of guidance in all matters pertaining to the Christian missionary enterprise. We believe that the Macedonian vision and call given to the apostle Paul furnish a clear and satisfactory model for a missionary call today. Let us then open our Bibles at Acts, chapter 16, and note the narrative and its teaching.

Paul and his colleagues were no slackers, no selfish, worldly Christians, but earnest, devoted witnesses and workers for the Lord. Had they been otherwise they would not have heard the call when it was given. The trouble with those who say they have never had a missionary call may be that they are living too far away from the Lord to hear Him when He does call. Yet Paul,

foremost Christian of his day though he was, had never lifted up his eyes to see beyond the confines of his own continent. And so he was about to start out upon another Gospel tour in home territory which he had covered before. But God halted him, gave him a vision of a land and need farther out, and called him from the home field to become a foreign missionary. Let us first take that lesson to heart.

A Two-Fold Vision

Next let us note that that vision which came to Paul was a two-fold one.

1. It was a heavenly vision.

It came from God, and was a revelation of God's will, of what God wanted done. And so later on we find Paul testifying that "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (Acts 35:19). Now that is for us the first aspect, and a most vital one, of the true missionary call. How are we to get it? Are we to expect and wait for the heaven to open, as in Paul's case and such a vision to be seen and such a voice to be heard, as he saw and heard? No, God does not need to deal with us now in this way, for He has given us His Word, through which He reveals His will and speaks to us. As someone has well said, the missionary call is not so much a voice as a verse.

We have, for instance, such plain statements as that "God so loved the world"; that "the field is the world"; that Jesus is "the light of the world"; that God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." We are told that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," and then follows that solemn and convicting series of "Hows" that affirm that only through the preaching of the Gospel can men anywhere hear, believe, call upon the name of the Lord, and be saved (Romans 10:13-15).

Great Need of Missions

These are but a few of a multitude of Scripture texts which convey the same truths, namely, man's universal sin and need of salvation. God's provision for all men in Christ, and the Gospel as the only means of escaping eternal doom and obtaining eternal life.

Finally, there is the Great Commission, Christ's "marching orders" to the Church, repeated five times, which commands the preaching of the Gospel to every creature, the evangelizing of all nations, the bearing witness to Him unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Surely the Lord has thus made unmistakably plain what He expects of His Church, and the implication to every member of that Church is inescapable, namely,

that he accept and carry out his personal share of the responsibility and task.

2. It was an earthly vision.

That "man of Macedonia" so vividly portrayed before Paul's eyes, was God's way of bringing to his attention a land and people yonder in Europe in desperate and unrelieved spiritual need. Macedonia had her art, philosophy, and religion; her schools and temples; her poets and sages; and much else of which she might be proud. But Macedonia had no Gospel, no saving message. Macedonia needed Jesus Christ, and the mute appeal of that vision was "Come over . . . and help us."

Are not the heathen and Moslem lands of the world today the modern counterpart of Macedonia in Paul's day? China, India, Japan, and other countries have much that is worthy and commendable in their national history, their literature, their arts and industries, their vast store of empirical knowledge along many lines. But they have no Gospel, no saving message, except it be taken them from the God-favored lands of the West. Civilization will not meet their spiritual need, nor will education, nor anything else except the Christian Gospel. They need, they must have, Jesus Christ.

A Definition

We Christians, and only we, can supply that need, and there is truth in the saying that "a need, knowledge of that need, and ability to meet that need, constitute a call."

Now if you will put together these two aspects of the Macedonian vision, the heavenly and the earthly, you have the true basis of a genuine, a Scriptural, missionary call. Such a call rests not on feeling, or sentiment, but on fact—the fact first of God's will as revealed in the Word, and then the fact of human need as revealed in the world. Only upon an honest and serious consideration of these two great facts can any Christian reach an intelligent and conscientious decision as to where and what his part is in helping to carry out the one great business of the Church of Christ on earth, the giving of the Gospel to all mankind.

It is impressive to note the effect of that Macedonian vision upon Paul and his companions. Verse 10 reads: "After he had seen the vision, immediately, we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them."

"After he had seen the vision" simply means after God had brought to Paul's attention facts which he had never before considered. There in another continent was a land which had as yet not had its first opportunity to hear of the only Saviour, while he was proposing to go again to people who had already heard. Not that all of them had accepted the message, or even that every individual in either Asia or Bithynia had been contacted. But they had at least to some extent been enlightened, while not a ray of Gospel light had reach-

ed Macedonia. And so the Spirit of God cried, "Fair play. No partiality. No premium upon souls in Asia and discount upon souls in Europe, but equal opportunity to hear the Gospel, equitable distribution of the Bread of Life to souls equally lost and needy, and for all of whom alike Christ died."

The Finger of God Points

And He is saying the same to Christians today in our land of Gospel light and privilege concerning the unevangelized millions across the sea. The facts about the heathen world which we well know or can readily learn if we want to know them, are the fingers of God pointing out our responsibility and duty.

"Immediately" speaks of prompt response to the voice of the Spirit—no dilly-dallying, no procrastination, but beginning at once to act when the voice of God has been heard. Oh, the spiritual tragedies we could cite as a result of postponing the doing of God's revealed will!

"We endeavored to go" expresses a genuine purpose and honest effort to go, which is so different from that passive "willingness" which so many young people have professed, without treating the matter seriously and taking any practical steps toward going. Obstacles in the way are not to be regarded as indicating that it is not the Lord's will for one to go, for such obstacles are often both the devil's attempt to hinder and the Lord's test of the sincerity and strength of one's purpose.

"Assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us . . ." Note carefully this statement. "Assuredly gathering" is not the language of emotion or sentiment, but rather of thoughtful reasoning and logical conclusion. So many seem to think of a missionary call as purely emotional, but this is a mistaken idea. God can, if He so chooses, guide us through our emotions, which He has given us.

But He can just as truly lead us through our reasoning faculties, when these are surrendered to Him. He did so with Paul in the instance before us. The shutting of two doors in succession, and then the facts about Macedonia brought so strikingly to his attention, led him and his companions to conclude ("assuredly gather") that the Lord was leading in that direction. Nor were they mistaken, as the sequel clearly proved.

It was the same logic of facts that appealed to James Gilmour, pioneer missionary of Mongolia. Said he: "To me the question was not 'Why go?' but rather, 'Why not go?' Even on the ground of common sense I seemed called to be a missionary. For is the kingdom not a great harvest field? Then I thought it only reasonable to seek the work where the work was most abundant and the workers were the fewest."

Everyman's Decision

Now as to where the place and what the part is in God's world-wide work for each reader of this message, we do not presume to say. But we are confident that the true and sure way for every honest Christian, fully surrendered to the Lord and without any reservation of mind, to discover this is upon the basis we have indicated, namely, the plan of God as revealed in His Word, and the measure in which that plan has been carried into effect across the world. Moreover, we believe that upon this basis the normal, the logical course for every Christian whose age, health, qualification, and circumstances admit of it, is to offer for foreign missionary service.

Military service affords a fitting parallel. This country at war declares a draft of man power, in terms of which every man of military age and fitness is conscripted for active service. The norm is to go, not to stay. The only honorable exemptions from going are those disqualified for overseas service, or those who can serve their country's cause better by remaining at home. Exactly so should it be in the Church's missionary war. In view of Christ's imperative "Go" and the overwhelmingly greater need in the foreign fields than at home, loyalty to Him and love for lost souls constitute a compelling claim upon all Christians who are able to "Go" in person, and upon all others to "Go" by prayer and by purse to the full measure of their ability.

The Personal, Special Call

Just one point more. "Am I not to expect a special personal call to some particular field and sphere?" someone asks. Yes, when you are eligible for such. But those only are eligible who have taken the proper attitude of acceptance of the general call and placed themselves unreservedly at the Lord's disposal. Just as in the matter of salvation, you did not see your individual name in the Gospel invitation, but you saw the term "whosoever," and when you accepted that call the Holy Spirit particularized it to you, giving you the assurance of salvation, so when you accept and respond to the general call, or command, of the Great Commission you become a candidate for a personal call to some particular field and post, and the Holy Spirit will duly give you this as you wait upon Him for it. We could cite literally hundreds of instances of this in our own observation. The Lord will not keep in darkness concerning His specific will and plan any yielded and trusting child of His. His promises such as Psalm 32:8; Psalm 35:9; John 7:17 and many others give ample assurance of this. Guidance will come, clear and certain, in His own time and way. But only when we can say with Eliezer of old, "I being in the way," can we add, "the Lord led me" (Gen. 24:27).

Talkativeness

Talkativeness is utterly ruinous to deep spirituality. It is one of the greatest hindrances to deep solid union with God. Notice how people will tell the same thing over and over—how insignificant trifles are magnified by a world of words; how things that should be buried are dragged out into gossip and disputed over; how the solemn deep things of the Holy Spirit are rattled over in a light manner—until one who has the real baptism of divine silence in his heart, feels he must unceremoniously tear himself away to some lonely room or forest where he can gather up the fragments of his mind, and rest in God.

Not only do we need cleansing from sin, but our natural human spirit needs a radical death to its own noise and activity and worldliness.

See the evil effects of so much talk.

First: it dissipates the spiritual power. The thought and feeling of the soul are like powder and steam—the more they are condensed, the greater their power.

Second: it is a waste of time. If the hours spent in useless conversation were spent in deep prayer or deep reading, we would soon reach a region of soul life and divine peace beyond our present dreams.

Third: loquacity inevitably leads to saying unwise, or unpleasant, or unprofitable things. In religious conversation we soon churn up all the cream our souls have in them, and the rest of our talk is all pale skim milk, until we get alone with God and feed on His green pasture until the cream rises again. The Holy Spirit warns us that "in the multitude of words there lacketh not sin." It is impossible for even the best of saints to talk beyond a certain point without saying something unkind, or severe, or foolish, or erroneous. We must settle this personally. If others are noisy and gossip, I must determine to live in constant quietness and humility of heart; I must guard my speech as a sentinel does a fortress, and with all respect for others I must many times cease from conversation, or withdraw from company to enter deep communion with my precious Lord. To talk in the spirit we must avoid talking for talk's sake, or merely to entertain. To speak effectively we must speak in God's appointed time, and in harmony with the indwelling Holy Spirit.

"He that hath knowledge spareth his words" (Prov. 17:21). "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." (Isa. 30:15; Eccl. 5:2-3).—*Selected.*

There is nothing more vitally important than to know the will of God for your life; and there is no joy or peace, or satisfaction so great as to be completely in that will and in His appointed place for you in His blessed service.

The Challenge

W. O. Winger

Editor's Note: This article begins a series by Brother Walter Winger as a retired missionary.

All agree that 1947 is unique in the history of the world. Rulers and nations are in a state of uncertainty, possibly with hearts failing, looking after those things which are coming. Nevertheless, is not man longing for the real and secure? Also for some place and way to help the teeming millions who look to our Christianity for light and salvation? The East is rising from their heathen and pagan rule of centuries.

With the Gospel they ask for education and clothing. Merchants follow the missionaries selling sewing machines, plows, etc. which this country manufactures and sells, bringing work and support to our men and families. So from our spending but little, many blessings both spiritual and temporal have returned to us.

Startling is the fact, by increased birth rate, there are more heathen in the world today than some time ago. These latent people partly aroused by our feeble efforts and also by their more recent contact with western civilization during the war, are reaching out their hands for help. They are much dissatisfied with their old life of

bondage, superstition, ignorance and filth. Hungry, desperate and race conscious, with possible national tendencies, they present a great problem and are an easy prey to many of the false cults which are now anxious to take over whom they can. If they accept any of these deceptions they will be harder to win for Christ than from their original heathenism.

Britain and America marshalled equipped millions to preserve liberty. Oh to God that the professing Church would catch the vision, pray till laborers move out, marshalled to obey Christ's 'Go ye.' Bibles, money, ships, planes, cars, hospital units and everything needed is available. Also young people by the thousands, who if qualified spiritually, and called, could in a short time evangelize the world, bringing salvation through Christ to multitudes, enabling them to sing the song of the Redeemed. This would bring untold blessings to us and open the way for our Blessed Lord to return.

Truly it is Christianity or chaos—we shall evangelize and Christianize the heathen or they will heathenize us. To our knees, and let us pray God to revive us, giving us clear vision, that we might intercede and travail in prayer till the needed laborers are called, and go.

Open Windows

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worship has not been thrown open wide by many, for if the inner spiritual life registers fervency, the outward manifestation will hardly be lacking. In Acts 20:9 we read of a man, a young man, too, who attended an evening worship service, weary though we may well believe he was with his toil, yet desirous of hearing the Gospel message from the lips of the great Apostle Paul. He did not consider more than an hour a burdensome period, but stayed through, despite the weariness of the flesh, resulting in the recorded accident which had such a happy termination in his restoration. Eutycus evidently desired to worship and perhaps had opened the window that the fresh air might prevent drowsiness.

Opening the window of worship by the one who has opened the window of escape and has been redeemed by the Blood of Christ, will be the next step. The blind man whom Jesus healed, when the Master afterward revealed Himself to him as the Son of God, "fell down at His feet and worshiped Him," as he made his confession of faith. There must be a continued attitude of worship, heart adoration, ex-

pressed where possible by the observance of the outward forms, by every Christian who lives a normal Christian life.

The disciples after the ascension of Jesus, gathered in the upper room in the fellowship of worship, and continued to meet on the first day of the week commemorating the resurrection of the Lord, to worship Him. It seems everyone has some object of worship; something which has first place in his life, and Jesus Christ claims that place in the lives of those He has redeemed from sin. It is His by right; He shed His Blood on the Cross that pardon and peace might come to all who would receive it. Let everyone who has named His Name open wide the window of worship; adore the risen, glorified Son of God; give testimony to His saving power.

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," is the exhortation of the Psalmist.

The next window that needs to be opened is the one that faces *opportunity*. It may as well be said that opportunity taps on the window, as that it knocks at the door. Worship, heart adoration, cannot fail to lead to service in some form. Opportunities are everywhere. Some may seem so small they are ignored; the closed window precludes their recognizance. The open window will enable the Christian to seize every opportunity, however small, and every such service paves the way for great

er Christian accomplishments. We find our Scripture illustration in Second Kings 13:17. Elisha the Prophet tells Joash the king of Israel to open the window eastward, take the bow and arrows and smite on the ground, as a token of victory over his enemies. He smote three times and stayed.

The open window faces opportunity, but he closed it, figuratively, when he should have kept it open and achieved greater accomplishment. Is it not true that the window facing opportunity is closed because the prospective service does not have the appeal it should? What a sad thing that when service might be rendered, there is a shrinking from it. Other things of a trivial nature are more appealing. Can it be there has not been an adequate conception of the great cost of redemption and the obligation and privilege of the Christian to serve Him who manifested love in the superlative degree? "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin," says James in his Epistle.

Jesus said, "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required," which may refer to the improvement of opportunities as well as the use of natural abilities and talents. Open wide the window giving a view of the path of service and gladly take that way, rejoicing that it is possible to become a laborer not only for God, but with God.

There is one more window needing to be opened—the window of *future envisionment*.

What John saw through that window on the lone isle of Patmos must have filled his soul with inexpressible felicity and rapturous longing. Some, sad to say, seem to have no interest in future envisionment. Such things seem too deep for them. They even raise the question if one cannot be a good Christian and live just in the present without meddling with the intricacies of prophetic pronouncements. To such we must say that the real Christian will desire to prove the depths of spiritual revelation as found in the Word of God. To envision the future glorious events of revelation furnishes an incentive to faithfulness and watchfulness, and stimulates anticipative hope. It cannot be otherwise. The rapturous expectancy of Christ's Coming for His own, the glories and rewards awaiting the faithful in the eternal world, the certainty that Christ's great purposes shall come to futurity—if these do not have a tremendous appeal, there is need of self-examination to ascertain if the new birth has ever really been experienced.

The window of future envisionment to the Christian of advancing years, furnishes an enchanting prospective, and it should for all, for life's termination here may come to anyone at any time. Open these windows we have suggested, we earnestly entreat you, and as God is true His blessing will rest upon you.—*Gospel Herald*.

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With the Church On the Foreign Field

Macha Bible Conference

A Bible Conference at Macha was quite a new thing, at least for some of the people, as there had not been one held for quite some time. Usually when we have a Big Meeting the outside people come in Friday evening, but because it was during the rainy season, and it might possibly rain, they were told to come in early Saturday morning. Large grass shelters without roofs were put up, one for the men, and another for the women. In case of rain other arrangements would have to be made.

There was quite a large crowd here when the service started Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock. There were around 700 attended the Sunday midday service. Bro. and Sr. Arthur Climenhaga from Wanezi Mission had been asked to come for the Conference. Also our Co-labourers from Sikalongo were here. Brothers Arthur and David Climenhaga were the main Speakers on the program. Several of our Native brethren also spoke.

Bro. Arthur Climenhaga gave a series of talks taken from the writings of the Apostle Paul. His topics were "A New Creature," "Crucified Life," "The Fourfold Knowledge," "Paul's Prayer Life for the Lost and for the Church," and "Contacting God." He gave us very good admonition as to how we as Christians should live.

Bro. David Climenhaga spoke on "God is Loving You", "God is Speaking", and "God is Speaking to You." In all of his messages he stressed the fact of God's Love for us, and quoted the Golden Text of the Bible, John 3:16.

Three of our native brethren, Mafula and Mizinga, who are Evangelists, and Apuleni, our oldest outstation teacher spoke on the subjects, "Our Church of Yesterday," "Our Church Today," and "Our Church Tomorrow." The first speaker brought out the

fact that the Gospel which is preached today, was the same in the days gone by. The second one stressed the fact that we are going forth along the Educational lines, and also building, but asked if we are going forward spiritually as we should. And the last speaker asked what our future would be if we continue to progress as we are now doing.

Besides the talks which were given there was special music rendered by some of the missionaries, and also several groups of Africans. These people like to sing and enjoy listening to others sing, so this part of the program was appreciated as well as the talks.

Saturday evening the service was somewhat disturbed as it started to rain, and for some time it rained very hard. This rainy season we have not had very much rain, so we were very thankful for it. It made it rather hard for the speaker, but Bro. Arthur Climenhaga tried to speak loud enough for the people to hear above the sound of rain. After the service a place in the school building, and also a small building were fixed up for the people to sleep in, as it was too wet in the shelters.

Also sometime during the service, Philemon, our S. S. Supt., came in and wanted to talk to Bro. Winger. A man who was walking near his village was bitten by a snake. They tried to get the bleeding stopped, and wanted Sr. Lehman to treat it. So after the service Bro. Winger took her over to the village where he was, about 3 miles from the Mission. Also several of the other ladies went along. Sr. Lehman also went to see him later, and after sometime he was all right again.

The Bible Conference closed Sunday afternoon. The people were interested and seemed to enjoy the messages which were given, and I trust that as they went back to their homes that they went with a new determination to follow the Lord more closely than before, and to let their lives tell for Christ.

Frances Winger

Births

LEHMAN—June 17, Paul Eugene came to bless the home of Harry and Helen Lehman in Palmyra, Pa.

BOOK—Leanna Kay is the name given to the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Book of Abilene, Kansas. She was born June 3.

MURPHY—A son, James Blaine, was born to Bro. Blaine and Sr. Ellen Mae Lewis Murphy of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, on July 17, 1947.

LICHLINBERGER—On May 14 there came to bless the home of Bro. and Sr. Paul Lichlinberger a daughter Diane Carol.

GOODLING—Mr. and Mrs. Reuben J. Goodling of Florin, Pennsylvania, are happy to announce the birth of a son Lindell Joel on June 10 at the Osteopathic Hospital, Lancaster, Pa.

Weddings

MARTIN-SCHROCK—On Friday morning, June 27 at 11 o'clock, Miss Martha Schrock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Schrock of Williamsville, N. Y., became the bride of Lester L. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Martin of Clarence Center, N. Y. The marriage took place in the Clarence Center Brethren in Christ Church, Rev. J. N. Hostetter, officiating.

BONDER-WERT—On Sunday afternoon, July 29 at 2:30 o'clock at the Brethren in Christ Church, Carlisle, Pa., Sr. Pearl E. Wert

of Carlisle, Pa. became the bride of Bro. John M. Bonder, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bonder of Mechanicsburg, Pa. Eld. Walter S. Lehman officiated.

May God's blessing rest upon them continually.

WINGER-WINGER—On June the 30th Miss Wilma Winger, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Norman Winger of Stevensville, Ont., became the bride of Harold Winger, son of Elder and Mrs. Warren Winger of Ridgeway, Ont.

The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents, Elder Warren Winger, father of the groom officiating. May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon them through life.

Obituaries

COBER—Mary Frances Wideman was born January 16, 1907 and died Sunday morning, July 20, 1947, aged 40 years, 6 months and 4 days.

She was the only daughter of the late Bishop and Mrs. Samuel Wideman and was the youngest of a family of six children namely, Jacob, Willis, Roy, Isidor and Joseph.

While young in life she was converted and united with the Brethren in Christ Church and lived a consistent Christian life until she was called home.

On Sept. 16, 1925 she was united in marriage to Harvey Cober and to this union were born three children Alvin Leroy, Myron Harvey and Leoda Fern. The first years of their married life were lived in Markham district but for nearly 10 years they had been living in Welland County.

Nearly seven years ago she suffered a severe heart attack and had been in failing health since that time. Throughout all her sickness

she manifested such a patient and cheerful spirit and was an inspiration to all who came in contact with her.

The end came rather suddenly but a few minutes before she passed away she was able to leave this testimony to her family and to her pastor and his wife that she was so happy that she was ready to go.

Her presence in the home and her keen interest in the work of the Welland Mission will be greatly missed but we know that our loss is her eternal gain.

A memorial service was held in the funeral home in Welland on Tuesday evening, July 22 with the funeral service and burial the following afternoon at the Markham church.

CRIDER—Paul Dean Crider was born near Detroit, Kansas, on December 23, 1920, son of the late Rev. Harry S. and Anna Crider and died in the Hanover Hospital, Hanover, Pa., July 7, 1947, as a result of a fractured skull, after being thrown from a fourty foot silo. He remained in an unconscious condition from time of fall till death which came four days later.

Paul remained at home in Kansas until the fall of 1937 when he came to Grantham to attend Messiah Bible College. During his first year there he made his decision for Christ. The following spring he united with the Brethren in Christ church. He stood firm on his decision till death. He served as a member of the college male quartette for the three following years and graduated from Junior College in the spring of 1941. In the fall of 1942 he answered the call of selective service and was the first young man to go to C.P.S. from the Harrisburg board. To Paul, the only way for a true Christian was to do good to all men, therefore he could not take arms or have any part in the army set up. One of the men who worked with Paul when he was called to serve, said, "I have nothing for this 'Conscientious Objection business, but, Paul, I must accept as a conscientious objector, because that is how he lives." He served 6 months in base camp at Luray, Virginia after which he was transferred to Howard, R. I. In the spring of 1944 he was united in marriage to Bertha Mae Soltenberger of Chambersburg, Pa. who then joined him in his work at Howard until the day of his release. In the summer of '46 they went to house-keeping near Chambersburg, Pa., and Paul worked for his father-in-law in the contracting business. December 4th, 1946, a son, Paul Douglas, came as a blessing to their home.

He is survived by his wife and son, also his mother Anna Crider of Jonestown, Pa., one sister Pearl E. of Harrisburg, Pa., and four brothers—Alfred E. of Jonestown, Cecil B. of Thomas, Oklahoma, Carl C. of Anville and Charles S. of Jonestown.

To his family and those who knew Paul, he shall be missed most for the happy combination he was of optimism and good humor and yet with a deep interest and respect for the most serious things in life. His faith in God was unwavering. As he said on different occasions, "he wants his life to be a continual invitation for the unsaved to accept Christ." It truly was. His testimony was clear and far reaching because of his close walk with Christ.

Life to him was Christ and thus death meant only more of Christ for him.

Funeral services were held in the Air Hill Church, July 10, 1947, with Bishop Charlie B. Byers, Rev. Henry Ginder, and Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr. in charge. Dr. Hostetter brought a challenging message for youth to love their Christ and His work—to really make it a living part of them. The Ambassador Male Quartette from Elizabethtown sang, "Beyond the Sunset" and "Holy, Holy Is What the Angels Sing"—Mrs. Clair Hoffman assisting on the last number.

Interment at Air Hill cemetery.

There is a French translation of that word "casting." It uses the word "unload." The French carts are so constructed that when they are filled with coal, or stone, or sand, and it is necessary to empty them, the driver just pulls out a pin, and with a little pressure of the hand the cart tips over and is emptied, and the horse goes away with a light step. Unload your care upon Him.—A. Lindsay Glegg.

"And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto me." John 12:32.

In The Homeland

TENT MEETING

On June 16 Bishop M. L. Dohner came to Bertie, Black Creek District to conduct a tent meeting. The tent was pitched about three-fourths of a mile from the village of Stevensville. Bishop Dohner was used of the Lord to give the Word. God blessed him as he preached night after night, attendance was fair, conviction was seen on the faces of many, and many seemed to feel the sacred presence of the Lord in the services. Our prayers follow Bishop Dohner as he continues his labors for the Lord.

Chambersburg, Pa.

The baptismal service of the North Franklin District was held Sunday morning, July 20, following the morning preaching service at Chambersburg. Ten converts followed the Lord in step of baptism. One was received into church membership in the morning service, the other nine having been received at a previous meeting. Of the ten that were united into church fellowship two were from the Air Hill congregation, five from Mt. Rock, and three from Chambersburg.

We praise God for the salvation of these souls and welcome them into our congregation. We trust they will find fellowship with us and continue in the Way that leads to life everlasting.

N. J. Burkholder

Grantham District

The Lord has been gracious to us since we last wrote to you. Many events have taken place, some were happy and others were sad.

Our spring Communion Service was held Sunday evening, May 18, with a nice representation and a warm spirit of fellowship. In the afternoon three young people were baptized and taken into church fellowship.

The Commencement Season was one of interest and inspiration. Sixty some young people graduated into life to live for Christ or the world. The church here is always interested in these young people and are happy when they serve the Lord in whatever profession they enter. Already death has claimed Kenneth Hershey, the president of the Senior Class. Just another stern reminder!

June 16—27 was our Annual Vacation Bible School. Our highest enrollment was 214 with an average of 201. The average attendance was 181. The sessions were held in the evening again with classes from the nursery to the adult division. An offering of \$177.61 was given to help buy a jeep for Sr. Leora Yoder in India.

We are in the midst of the rush of summer when we are gathering in store for the winter. May we be gathering in store for the eternal home, Heaven.

Mrs. Albert Brechbill

TESTIMONY

I want to give my testimony on how God healed my ear.

Three weeks ago I noticed my left ear was dull of hearing. I could also hear a hissing sound in it. So I asked some of the Saints at the mission to pray for it. Today July 22 my hearing is back to normal and the hissing sound is gone. I had no doctor nor took any medicine. To God be the glory.

Bro. E. Hafey

A Letter of Appreciation

Within the past week we have received from Bro. Hoffman, treasurer of Brethren in Christ Relief and Service, a check for \$500.00. This action on the part of General Conference has certainly enlarged our appreciation for our church.

To everyone of our Brethren and sisters who have shared in this gift of love we can only say thank you from the depths of our hearts citing you to the scripture which reads, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We are glad to report that recent circumstances have given us a greater picture of the seriousness of life and nearness of eternity. We are sure that God meant it to us for good and we praise Him for supplying our needs thus far. We face the future with more confidence in God and less in material things. Please continue your prayers for us.

Ray and Sylvia Smee

Beulah Chapel, Springfield, Ohio

Our summer revival meeting, held June 22 to July 6, was indeed a period of refreshment. Eld. Kenneth Starr, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, gave forth messages mainly to "The Church," the spotless Bride of Christ, for which "Our souls cry out, Hallelujah!"

We were pleased to have Bro. and Sr. Roy Mann and family worship with us, Sunday morning, June 22, at which time they gave us their farewell and expressed their keen desire to be working among the African people again.

On their return trip from Conference, Bro. and Sr. Graybill Wolgemuth and Bro. and Sr. Walter Winger spent an evening worshipping with us during our revival meeting. Our elder "Soldiers of the Cross" present an ever inspiring challenge to the young people.

The College Male Quartet from Grantham rendered several selections in song prior to the evening evangelistic service of July 3.

"Decision Sunday," July 6, was a heart warming event for our Beulah Chapel congregation. Bro. Starr gave a special talk to the Sunday School and during the invitation, between twenty-five and thirty Sunday School pupils knelt at the altar repenting of their sins. Their testimonies resounded with "the joys of their sins forgiven!"

Children and young people are the "Open Doors" of salvation today; they are God's "precious jewels."

Evelyn V. Bohland

Palmyra, Pa.

June 9 to 20 marked the time of our 1947 Daily Vacation Bible School. Wayne Ebersole superintended a very successful school. 81 was the average attendance with 47 children having a perfect attendance.

On Father's Day, June 15, the Sunday School presented a short program and in the evening the Christian Workers had a round-table discussion on the theme: "The Golden Rule in the Home."

June 14 to 29 there was a tent meeting conducted in the Shenks' district which some of our folks attended. Bish. Jacob T. Ginder was the evangelist. On the morning of June 22, Bish. Ginder gave the message in our pulpit—The Three-Fold Secret.

June 29th Bish. Charlie Byers and his Happy Cousins Quartet presented the evening program.

On the first Sunday of July the summer issue of the Quarterly Review was ready and given to the School.

July 9th in our mid-week service Bro. Joel Carlson gave a very thorough, enjoy-

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- 2:15—Camp Expansion and Improvement
- 2:45—Praise Service
- 3:15—Message J. N. Hostetter
- 6:30—Ring Meeting..... Eld. E. J. Rohrer
- 7:30—Song and Praise
- 8:00—Evangelistic Message.... H. A. Ginder

For Camp Accommodations write to:

Irvin R. Hoover, Ludlow Falls, Ohio

KANSAS YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Kansas young people will convene in their youth conference at CAMP WASHANGA, near Junction City, Kansas, August 25, 26, 27.

An invitation has been extended to all young people to attend.

UNITED ZION AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST FELLOWSHIP MEETING

to be held at the

UNITED ZION CHURCH

Annnville, Pa.

Sunday, September 14, 1947

Forenoon Session

10:00 Harvest Praise Service.

Afternoon Session

Bishop Peter Gress, Moderator

1:30 Congregational Song Chorister,

Elbert Smith

Devotions Rev. Irvin Wenger

Congregational Song.....

Mrs. Esther Lausch

Ambassador Quartet

Akron Sextet

Congregational Song..... Paul Snider

Annnville Chorus

Fairland Quartet

Congregational Song..... Paul Miller

Reading

Offering

Congregational Song..... Jesse Dourte

3:00 "What Could Be Expected As A

Result Of A Union Of Our Efforts?"

Bish. C. N. Hostetter, Jr.

Rapho Chorus

Benediction Bish. Titus Books

Evening Session

Bishop Jacob Lehman in charge

7:00 Song and Praise Service

Communion Service

Provide your lunch

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL

Canadian Contributions to the F. M. Board

April

Sherkston Cong. \$ 22.51

Markham Cong. 70.00

Maple Grove Cong. 38.85

Welland Cong. special for India 20.05

Boyle S. S. New dispensary, India 24.65

Wainfleet S. S. for Orphan, India 80.00

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Scheyer,

(In memory of an infant son) 2.00

Girls Bible Class, Markham

Special for Orphan, India 17.50

May

Nottawa S. S. New dispensary, India 15.00

Black Creek S. S. (worker) 58.24

Clear View Mission Band

Special for Native Evangelist..... \$12.50

Special for Lilyokupi Libanda..... 10.00

Tuition fee for native student.... 10.00

Christian Service League..... 10.00 42.50

(A Friend of Missions) 1000.00

Bro. & Sr. David Byers 20.00

Girls Bible Class Markham, orphan 7.50

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able account of General Conference.

July 13 Bish. Titus Books gave the evening sermon—Putting the Note of Joy Back into our Christian Living.

July 20 in the morning service Bro. Harvey Ebersole preached to us from the scripture—"The love of many waxing cold."

The United Zion Church held a tent-meeting in Palmyra during July.

Contributions

The Cross and Conscience

Orrie D. Yoder

How much more shall the blood of Christ . . . purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Heb. 9:14).

"Not all the blood of beasts

On Jewish altars slain;

*Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Nor wash away the stain."*

WHEN the Psalmist prayed—"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation," (Psa. 51:12) he gave expression to two great facts: first, that sin not only gives man the name of being a sinner, but robs him also of joy and peace, the most cherished heritage of his Creator. Second, he admits in his prayer that God alone can restore to man his lost joy and fellowship, due to inherent sin.

Conscience and free will are among the highest endowments of the Creator. And a world-wide salvation so simple and yet effective that it will restore to any individual sinner, regardless of race or creed, a conscience free from the guilt of sin, and a will to love and obey God, is the marvel of His free grace. God created man to abound in happiness and joy but sin left him self-condemned by his own conscience and at enmity with his God.

Self-righteousness, hypocrisy, and man-made coverings for sin from the "fig leaves" in Eden to the suicide of Judas have been the fruits of man's guilty conscience. Guilty man has run an account of self-righteous acts and gifts that would stagger the mind to conceive. Guilty conscience has left man sick with no remedy for healing and like the woman (Lu. 8:43, 44) who had spent all her living to pay doctor bills, is nothing bettered.

But thank God, when she met Christ, the longing desire of her heart was satisfied freely and without any self effort. Her wounds were not only doctored but they were healed. This is what the Psalmist wanted in his prayer; he wanted not only his guilty conscience eased, but he wanted it cleansed that he might again know the joy of the salvation of the Lord! He wanted not only a cleaner name, but a clear conscience and a happy experience. That is what Christ procured for guilty, sinful man when He gave His life and blood on the Cross!

The writer to the Hebrews, living on this side of Calvary, looks back both to the blood sprinkled by Moses and that shed by Christ and crowns his appreciation for the cross by grounding his faith in the blood of Christ which can purge the con-

science from dead works to serve the living and true God. The Old Testament worshipper who carried the condemnation of a broken Law can now look to a Saviour who fulfilled the Law for him. No longer enslaved by a weak will and condemned by a guilty conscience, he now looks to the cross and secures a power to do what he knows he ought to do. No longer does the worshipper cry out, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death"? Instead he cries, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory thru our Lord Jesus Christ."

Perhaps for a most concrete illustration of the power of the cross to satisfy the guilty conscience, we must look to the Hindu and his experience. Burdened with his load of sin and condemned by his guilty conscience, he drags his pained body on a long journey to find relief by dipping himself into the sacred waters of the Ganges. At last he reaches his desired destination and makes the anticipated plunge. But alas, as he again drags himself out of the water upon the shore, his guilt and pain have not in the least abated, but are only aggravated by a bitter disappointment. Groaning as he lies by the waters, he hears the missionary nearby sing and tell the story of the cross. At once his faith responds and leaping to his feet, he cries out—"That's what I've been waiting for! That's what I've been waiting for!"

Surely the Apostle Paul and thousands of guilty sinners have acclaimed in similar tones, "That's what I've been waiting for!" Well might we ask ourselves, have we truly learned the lesson of the cross? Have we found the Cross as God's happy medium between a cold legalism and formalism on one hand, and a fanaticism and radicalism on the other? Are we *happily saved and kept* by such an experience that we daily "look to the Lamb of God?"

*"Thy love to me, O God, Not mine O
Lord, to Thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest, And set
my spirit free.
Thy work alone, my Saviour, Can ease
this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O lamb of God, Can
give me peace within."*

Bannock, Ohio

Why Study the Bible?

"To hear His voice, to obey His will, to behold His glory, and to be conformed to His likeness."—T. P. Brannon.

Doubts

"You cannot worship kneeling on a question mark."

Decline of Womanhood

Mrs. C. E. Broyles

We learn from history that the decline and fall of every great nation of the past has been preceded by the decline and fall of the modesty of its womanhood. If history repeats itself it requires no prophet to say America is drifting onto the breakers, and nothing but a change of tide can keep us off of the rocks. But this change of tide will not come about of itself, for it is far easier to drift with the tide than to change it, or even go against it; nevertheless, it must be done, and done by Christians. The change will not come if preachers continue to say, "I cannot dabble in woman's dress," and fail to sound the warning from the pulpit. If they would only have the courage to do their duty every woman of their congregation would cover her nakedness or become an object of contempt. But I fear, yes, I know, some preachers cannot denounce this evil because his own wife or daughter is just as guilty as others; and Christian mothers and fathers refuse to arm themselves with the Sword of the Spirit and strike right and left because their daughter is in the crowd. As holiness people we may have to go to the altar again and tarry till the power comes—the power to close our eyes and strike, even if our nearest and dearest go down under the blow.

But who is to blame for this poisonous breath that is sweeping over our country and endangering the very foundation-stones of our civilization? Not the giddy girl, for she does not know the danger any more than the baby knows the danger of the lighted torch in its hand. I unhesitatingly say—the mother! Yes, many mothers of today, good, consistent women in other respects, are failing at this point. Instead of telling the young girl the danger of exposing her person and its resulting evil, not only to herself but to others, she dresses her in costumes that would have made Jezebel blush. If physical danger menaced her daughter she would protect her with her life; but moral and spiritual danger assails her and she leaves the inexperienced girl to fight the battle alone.

What about the married woman who knows the evil and still indulges in her low-neck dresses? I have but one answer—she does it to attract and arouse impure emotions in men. To my mind, the vulgar, and licentious dance of today is the offspring of the immodest apparel worn by so-called respectable women of America. It was "first endured, then pitied, and now embraced."

Have we as Christians any right to talk and pray for a great revival until we have done all we can to banish this awful sin in our midst? The vulgar dance, the vulgar dress, and the vulgar picture show must all go out before the revival will come in.

—Tract.

Our Sunday Schools

Past, Present and Future of Our Sunday School Literature

P. W. McBeth

The following topic was presented in the General Sunday School Board's program at General Conference of this year. It is being printed for the purpose of informing our people as to the S. S. literature situation and as to what system of Lesson Helps we will follow for 1948.

WHEN we begin to consider literature as it is related to the Sunday School, immediately we think of different types. There are the Sunday School papers and quarterlies; also, aids for the development of the teachers and officers of the School, as well as for the entire program. But, in the scope of our presentation we are confining our discussion principally to the Sunday School quarterlies.

The Sunday School movement is claimed to have started in England in 1781 by Robert Raikes. The first schools gave not only religious instruction, but also secular. As the importance of the Sunday School developed, the secular instruction was omitted from the program and greater emphasis was placed on Bible instruction. The need for Sunday Schools was felt more and more keenly in England, and was realized in North America also. With the growth of the institution many needs presented themselves, and one was that for Uniform Lessons. With the thought of this need in mind we desire to present this topic in three divisions.

FIRST, The Past of our Sunday School Literature. A review of the origin and development of the Uniform Lessons as we have them today will afford us a greater appreciation for the results that have been accomplished.

The name originated in Britain, where in 1841 the Sunday School Union of England issued a list of lessons to be used in schools. In 1866 the Union sent out a circular stating that this system of lessons was "Generally known as the Uniform Lesson System: its special feature being that the same subjects engaged the attention, simultaneously, of all the several divisions of the school."

In the United States the founder of the International Uniform Lessons was John Vincent, later Bishop Vincent. In 1855 this young Methodist pastor began experimenting with novel ways of teaching religion. In 1865, in an Institute conducted by the Chicago Sunday School Union, Bishop Vincent asked: "Is it practicable to introduce a uniform system of lessons into all our schools?"

In 1867, Bishop Vincent issued a man-

ual, a series of lessons entitled "Two Years With Jesus." The introduction stated the advantages of uniformity in these words: "We deem it desirable to engage the entire school in the study of the same lesson each Sabbath. Thereby concentration, repetition, definiteness, depth of impression, and thoroughness are secured. A central thought exercises in the school. The Scripture selection containing the lesson for the day is pervades the devotional and intellectual read responsively at the opening of the session. It is of immense service in the Sunday-School prayer meeting. The wise pulpit may employ it for the evening discourse, and thus add 'line upon line, precept upon precept.' For the family we provide daily readings."

From 1867 to 1872, Mr. B. F. Jacobs, a Baptist superintendent in Chicago, advocated the uniform lesson plan for all Sunday Schools. At the fourth annual convention of the International Sunday School Association in Newark, N. J. in 1869, Mr. Jacobs, who presided over the Superintendent's section, reported: "That a uniform lesson is essential to the highest success of every school, and that it is practical and desirable to unite all the schools of our whole country upon one and the same series."

In 1871 Mr. Jacobs called a meeting of publishers in New York. Twenty-nine publishers of lesson helps, or their representatives, met and decided to publish a series of uniform lessons immediately. A series of existing lessons was assembled and these lessons were widely used in Sunday Schools throughout the United States in the beginning of 1872.

Bishop Vincent visited London, England, and the Sunday School Union of England in 1873 decided to use the lessons issued by the American committee. It was estimated that in 1873 three million people were using the Uniform Lessons. By 1890 more than ten million people were using the Uniform Lessons. Later, in the nineteenth century, Dr. John R. Sampey, Chairman of the Committee, put the estimate as high as thirteen millions. The inauguration and growth of the Uniform Lesson System has been described as "one of the greatest cooperative movements of Christendom."

It is impossible to estimate the spiritual influence of the Uniform Lessons, studied week by week by millions of people, the Home Daily Readings used in family worship, and Golden Texts becoming permanent mental possessions of growing boys and girls.

The Uniform Lessons have survived in the face of criticism. This is the more remarkable in view of validity of some of the about backward and forward through the Scriptures, that the principle of grading

criticisms. It has been said in disfavor of the Uniform series that the whole Bible is not covered, that the curriculum jumps has been overlooked, that the lessons have been too adult for children, or too juvenile for adults, that there is not intensive study of the Bible book by book, that there is a sameness for teachers and in time for students also, that the lesson courses prepared years in advance cannot deal with current events in timely fashion. The lesson outlines have been criticized as too conservative and also as too liberal. In spite of these criticisms, the demand for Uniform Lessons has continued.

The strength of the Uniform Lessons has been that they are Biblical with occasional topical courses. Much use has been made of Bible biography. There has been variety with no one section of the Scriptures studied too long at one time. There are several mechanical considerations which have had great weight both in publishing and distributing lessons helps. Substitute teachers were more easily enlisted. The family could study the one lesson together. Teachers' meetings could be held for the entire teaching staff of the school. Visitors and people on vacation could follow the courses wherever they happened to be. Newspapers and Annuals treated the same lessons. Pictures were available for publishers collectively. Because of large volume, helps could be provided at low cost. The simplicity of administration meant much to small and one-room schools. These mechanical considerations have had great weight. There was sentiment in the thought of millions of people studying the one lesson on the one day all over the North American continent.

A number of years ago a feeling existed that "graded helps" would assist in the presentation of the Uniform Lesson material. Definite steps were undertaken in 1939. The new outlines were issued for January, 1945. A measure of grading has been introduced, with one common area for study and adaptations made for the various age groups. The membership of the Committee includes those who are working with various age groups. It is now easier to give a graded treatment of the Uniform Lesson outlines. Numerous difficulties have been experienced in view of the fact that the present plan may provide different lesson titles and different lesson texts for the various age groups in the S. S., and it is too soon to know how successful the present policy will prove. In the past, however, the Committee has changed policy to meet growing needs and will continue to adapt its methods to changing conditions.

Thus we realize in a small way the benefits of the Uniform Lessons.

There is one point we wish to bear in mind, and that is that the International Council of Religious Education does not write the lesson material. They prepare graded lesson subjects, with Scripture texts

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Does It Pay to Win Children

A True Story

Gordon Bishop

I WAS highly pleased with the new class of eleven-year-old boys I received on Promotion Sunday, and was determined to build it in numbers and strength to the best of my ability. Later I was informed that one of my members had suffered a fractured skull while riding on his bicycle, and was in the hospital recovering from it. I had a brief talk with his mother in church that Sunday morning, and planned to visit him in the hospital the next week. His mother told me a remarkable story of his testimony for Christ while in the hospital.

For several days after being admitted to the hospital, the boy was in an unconscious or delirious state. But he had not forgotten the things he had learned from his Sunday School teacher and his Bible. The first few days he pleaded with God for his life; such as "Please, dear God, don't take me yet. Please let me stay with my mother for a little while longer, for I love her so." Or he would pray: "I know it is nice up there, but I would be so lonesome." (His Christian mother and father are still living.) At other times he would pray like this: "I pray to you, dear God, not to let my mother, dad, or me die, but take us all together when Christ comes back. You do answer prayer, so please let me stay with my mother." His prayers were answered and he is now almost completely recovered.

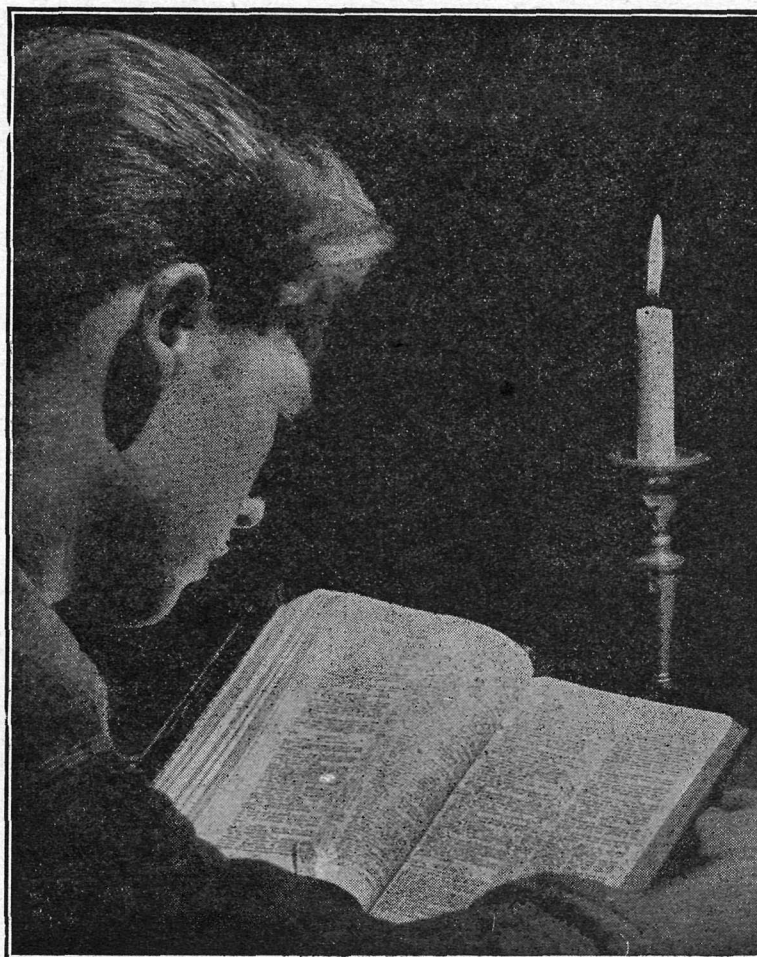
Then he started praying for others. He prayed for the nurses and doctors, all his friends, and all who came to see him. Every nurse and every doctor who came to his room to wait on him was met with the question: "Are you a Christian?" or "Are you saved?" and other similar questions. His heart was burdened for the lost souls around him, and they were on his mind all the time he was in the hospital. He said, "I can't die yet. Why can't I save just one person? How happy I would be and how happy Jesus would be." Surely the passion for souls of this young boy would put many an older Christian to shame.

All the songs, hymns, choruses and Scripture verses that he had learned in Sunday School came to his memory, and unknown to himself he was singing them and repeating the verses so that all around him could hear. His mother said that at times he would yell "Jesus never fails," and "Count your many blessings," and then he would quote John 3:16 and other verses. Some day there may be many souls in heaven as a direct result of this young Christian's testimony in that hospital. His desire to win a soul may have been already answered.

A close friend was very heavy upon the heart of this young fellow, but each time

he came to see him he would be sleeping. One night he said, "I am going to wait up and see Fred." When Fred came to see him the injured boy asked his friend to be a Christian; to which Fred replied that he was just as much a Christian as he was, only he did not say so much about it. Then he asked him if he was saved, but the answer he received is not known. The man was asked to kneel down beside the bed, but the request was met with refusal and all kinds of excuses. Then the boy said: "Do you know what Jesus did for you?" and his friend said, "Yes." After a few seconds the young fellow asked his older friend to close his eyes, and the boy prayed to God to save the soul of his friend Fred. Then he asked his mother to pray too, but she confessed that for some reason or another she was unable to pray, to which her son said: "Mother, I am ashamed of you, you don't love Jesus enough." With these words ringing in her ears the mother was driven to her knees asking God to forgive her. The next morning she was met with the reprimand: "Why don't you want to save people?"

A Good Sunday School Prayer



—Courtesy The Defender

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in the truth.

—Psa. 86.11

These are only a few of the words and prayers that came from the heart of a boy who has just turned eleven in the Junior department of a Sunday School, who thought he was going to pass on into the next life.—*The Sunday School Promoter.*

Building Your Sunday School Class

Milton E. Poole

Below are listed twenty methods which have been suggested and used before in the building of the Sunday school. *Teacher, try one of these methods and build your class!*

- Pray until God helps you.
- Have a prayer band for the unsaved.
- Get your pupils converted.
- Do promotional work each week.
- Follow up your absentees weekly.
- Have a Welcoming Committee.
- Have an organized visitation group.
- Have a member of the class assigned as a "comrade" to each new member.
- Organize a member-win-member drive.

Have a Sunday afternoon or weeknight visitation hour.

Have a scouting committee for new prospects.

Set definite goals for attendance and keep at it until reached.

Advertise your class. Keep all aware of its existence.

Publicize your class activities in the local paper.

Plan a contest between classes, groups, or individuals.

Mail cards and letters to twice the number enrolled.

Plan your work and work your plan.

Emphasize the preaching services.

Use your automobile.

Go after them two-by-two.

—Selected.

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and other outline material. But each denomination takes these suggested outlines and builds them as it chooses for its own people. As well, if a church organization is not in sympathy with a lesson subject, it may insert one of its own choosing. Or, if a Lesson Preparation Curriculum Committee wish to present a lesson on church doctrine, they have the privilege to do so. As an illustration, a lesson was offered this year on "Peace."

The Brethren in Christ Church has been using the Uniform Lessons offered by the ICRE. Our usage dates back to 1909, when General Conference accepted the invitation from the Mennonite Publishing House to use their quarterlies. For thirty-six years we have used the Mennonite publications, which carry the imprint of our own publishing house. Also, the name of our editor appears on the quarterlies. All publications, before they are printed, are reviewed by our editor and he has the privilege to suggest insertations or eliminations. Possibly the question is in our minds, "Why do we not print our own quarterlies?" Up to the present time it has been the general feeling that the publication cost would be prohibitive because we are a small church.

Thus far in our discussion relative to Sunday School literature in the past we have been thinking in terms of the Uniform Lessons, but briefly we would like to refer to the Graded Sunday School Lesson material.

While there has been long argument between the advantages of Uniform and Graded Lessons, the argument has been rather outside the International Sunday School Lesson Committee than within it. Members of the Committee have felt no inconsistency in promoting both uniform and graded lessons, believing that there was a field for both. Outstanding members of the Uniform Lesson Committee took leading parts in the experiments of preparing

graded lessons for younger children. From 1906 to 1914 a thoroughly graded series was constructed through the joint labors of the Graded Lesson Conference and the International Lesson Committee. In 1917, thirty years ago, Dr. John R. Sampey, Chairman of the Uniform Lesson Committee, wrote: "As general education lifts the people to higher levels of thinking, and as teacher training is taken seriously by pastors everywhere, the number of schools using the Graded Lessons will greatly increase." For several years Graded Lesson outlines were prepared by the one International Lesson Committee.

At the present time a number of excellent Graded Lesson series are available from evangelical publishers. Our General Sunday School Board has recommended to our schools the use of The Gospel Light Press and The Scripture Press series. Both are being used among our Sunday Schools today.

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In The Homeland

Refton, Pa.

We have just closed our Daily Vacation Bible School. Again the children gathered from the surrounding community. Some walked, some their parents brought, some came with teachers but a large number of them came on trucks driven by Bro. Landis Ressler and Bro. Clyde Slaymaker. They started out each morning and traveled over country roads meeting children along the way. We know God will give them as well as the parents a special blessing as the wheat harvest was late it come right in the busy time.

We had an average attendance of 165; our enrollment being 177 (we count only those being present 3 days or more as pupils enrolled). There were 123 who came each of the 10 days.

We want to thank God for the privilege of again sowing the Word in the hearts of the boys and girls and we trust the Holy Spirit will use it in each heart.

On July 20 in our Sunday evening service we enjoyed a program by the young people from the Souderton and Silverdale congregations. The message was brought by Bro. Isaiah Harley.

July 23 we held our first missionary prayer meeting. Sister Miriam Wenger a returned missionary from Africa under the Mennonite church spoke a short time and the remainder of the time was spent in prayer.

We ask your prayers for the work at Refton—that each one of us who name His name shall live lives that cause others to want to serve Him.

Barbara Lutz

Chambersburg, Pa.

Again the Vacation Bible School has reached many new faces with the story of the Gospel. The Chambersburg Vacation Bible School, of the North Franklin District, opened on June 9, 1947. Sessions were held each week day evening from 7 to 9 o'clock until June 20. The enrollment for the opening evening was 187; each evening succeeded the previous until and enrollment of 301 climaxed the closing night. Children were represented from all denominations, including Mormons and Catholics.

The school was under the direction of Sr. Mae Hock, supt.; Sr. Bertha Beltz, asst. supt.; Sr. Grace P. Wingert, Sec.-treas. and 27 faculty members. To God we are deeply grateful for the success of the school and give all honor and praise to Him.

The Bible school proved a blessing to all who attended. From the first evening, much interest was shown in class and during hand-work period. A beautiful scene was beheld on the next to last evening when Bish. Charlie Byers invited any children who wanted to take Jesus as their Savior to raise their hands. Quite a number of hands were raised. On further invitation to come to the front, 24 responded after which prayer was offered for the protecting and saving power of God to rest upon their lives.

The children did well in giving with a total offering of \$100.38 which they voted to be given to mission work. Many of them expressed their desire to attend Bible School next year again. So with a successful school in the past, we are looking forward if Jesus tarries to another good Bible School.

N. Jane Burkholder

Allisonia, Va.

We have endeavored to do our best by the work here. And we praise and thank God for His blessings to us. We regret that Sister Ruth Funk's health broke down last May and that she had to leave the field. Commendation is in order to Sister Edith Davidson for carrying on alone in June when the other workers had left the field. Bro. Rupert Turman of Allisonia rendered valuable help in the services not only when most of the other workers were absent but at other times as well. In June Sister Davidson very much enjoyed a visit by her mother, Mrs. Walter Davidson of Garrett, Indiana.

We are pleased to announce that the framing lumber for the new church near Allisonia has been delivered to the site. It is anticipated that building operations will be under way by late summer or early fall.

We invite you to consider both the continued support of this mission station and also this new church building project when you are deciding where to send your tithes and offerings. Contributions to and communications about the work should be sent to Eld. Paul L. Wolgemuth, Allisonia, Virginia. Above other things please continue to pray for the workers, for the Christians, and for the unsaved that God's name might be honored according to His will.

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL

Receipts	
Bro. and Sr. Wenger, Manheim, Pa.	\$ 3.00
Chestnut Grove Cong., Ashland, Ohio....	50.20
Eggs, milk and chickens sold	44.75
Bro. and Sr. Paul L. Wolgemuth	5.00
Spencer Sunday School, Va.	21.10
Name withheld, Pa.	25.00
In the name of Christ	64.54
Hazel Lee Sayers, Board	36.00
Ruth Funk (For Bible School)	5.00
Sam Cook, Indiana (For Bible School) ..	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Funk, Pa.	3.00
Viola Olinger, Ind. (For Bible School) ..	5.00
Walter Davidson, Indiana	20.00
Noah E. Krieder, Pa.	10.00
George Deihl, Indiana	20.00
Helen Pyke, Pa.	25.00
Messiah Home Sunday School	17.62
Sale of Coal	4.00
Total Receipts	\$371.81

Expenditures	
Allisonia, Va.	
Groceries and provisions	\$ 85.37
Feeds, Chicken and dairy	27.13
	\$112.50
Sylvatus, Va.	
Car Expenses	42.12
Groceries	33.12
Garden Expense	4.15
Miscellaneous Expense	17.63
Bible School Supplies	33.92
	\$129.94

Success In Old Age

Julia A. Shelhamer

"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age." Psalm 92:14.

MANY old people are possessed with rare gifts and graces which were never theirs when young. Experience and age have endowed them with a capacity for blessing the world that youth cannot possess, but there are some hindrances which we wish to mention.

1. THE GREATEST HINDRANCE TO SUCCESS IN OLD AGE IS A LACK OF DIVINE GRACE. Either it was never possessed, or it has gradually left. Without this there is no foundation for success. As the years advance one should grow in grace, and the witness of the Spirit should increase. It is an awful thing to think of an old person going into eternity unprepared to meet God. Reader, if you know of an unsaved or unsanctified aged person, do your best to lead him to Christ for it is next to impossible for him to find peace with God without the help of others.

There are two graces in particular that are necessary to success, viz. Proper tongue control and forgiveness. Martin Luther said, "My soul is too great to be the enemy to any man." T. DeWitt Talmadge said, "I do not want to leave this world until I have taken vengeance upon every man who ever did me a wrong—by doing him a kindness."

God has certain elixirs of youth. One of these he gives to a person when he forgives another. The devil has no happy old people but "the path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. 4:18.

II. LACK OF OPPORTUNITY.

Longfellow said, "Old age has its opportunities no less than youth." This is true yet old people do not always know how to proceed, for youth has the preference. Many pastors who should help along this line lack the gift of organization. Few have the talent that Moody had of giving everyone a job. His aim was to utilize every talent his congregation possessed. If your pastor does not give you a chance, work out your own plan. If you have missed God's first program for your life, confess your mistake and trust Him to give you another—a Divine commission for service in your latter days, a plan that will stir the world for Christ.

May we suggest how you may do this?

1. Learn to pray. Learn to prevail with God for everything and everybody. It is your privilege to so wrestle with Him in secret prayer that all of your dear ones shall be saved. Do not excuse your spiritual laziness and lack of soul burden by saying that "in the Lord's own good time He will bring them in." Rather say with Jacob in his night of intercessory prayer, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." You may thus be the power behind God's throne in helping to save a world.

2. Why not stock up with a fine supply of gospel tracts of various kinds and send one of each to every rural boxholder outside of your town? If you consult the head postmaster of a city office he can present to you a plan that will cost but one cent postage and will require no addressing of envelopes.

3. Mr. Carver once adopted a poor, heart-broken little negro boy whose parents had just been sold away from him into slavery. The benefactor shared his name with the child, calling him George Washington Carver. He also paid his way through college never realizing what a great blessing the little fellow would be to the world of science. If you cannot take such an one into your home, why not assume the responsibility of educating one in a Christian school?

4. Take up some course of study each year. Keep your mind young by exercise and God will show you how you may glorify Him. Read "The Life of William Carvosso," "William Bramwell," and "John Wesley."

5. Perhaps you used to sing. Why hang your harp upon the willows just because of your age? One of the best quartettes we ever heard was composed of elderly women and another of old gentlemen. Age puts pathos and fulness into the voice that is not there in youth.

6. Why not take public speaking lessons and thus gain confidence to address an audience? Or if musical, start learning to play some instrument that you may assist in mission work. Forget your age. Do something and be happy.

7. Share your wisdom with others. The wise counsel of old people is valuable and should not be rejected. "Old men for counsel: young men for war." King Rehoboam failed and led his nation away from God because he forsook the counsel of the old men.

8. If things are not going right in your part of the world, do something about it. Write to your state representative and your governor suggesting improvements. If the laws governing state institutions are faulty, mention the matter. How about the insane of your state? Are they treated properly? Investigate! Every citizen should do his

best to make our insane asylums as cheerful and comfortable as possible, for no one can boast that he or his dear ones will never be prisoners there.

9. There are gospel calls that should be made, children's meetings that should be held, new Sunday schools to be organized, letters to be written, tracts to be distributed, jails, hospitals and other institutions to be visited and many places where a good religious paper could be sent. What a fine Christmas gift to some dark place! Determine that you will win as many souls as possible before you die. Be of good courage and try!

III. POOR HEALTH IS A HINDRANCE TO MANY OLD PEOPLE.

If poor health is your hindrance to success instead of relying too much upon the drug store, why not commit your case to God and suggest to Him that if He will heal you, you will work for the salvation of souls?

In Tacoma, Washington we heard the following testimony from an elderly gentleman who it seems had been given up to die. In desperation he told God that if He would heal him he would go and knock on doors, give out tracts and talk to the people about their souls. That prayer was answered and said he, "I have kept my promise: I have knocked upon over eight-hundred doors the past year and God has blest me."

Aside from Divine Healing, try the following if you would be your best physically and mentally.

1. *Arise early in the morning* and pray clear through until your spirit is as light as an angel's wing. Beseech God to give you a commission for your last years. Then obey at once.

2. *Freshen up with water.* Take a daily bath and drink at least two quarts of water or fruit juices every twenty-four hours.

3. *Live out of doors* as much as possible and sleep in well ventilated rooms.

4. *Exercise every muscle* of the body every day. An eminent minister excused himself from long walks because his feet hurt. The reason they hurt was because he was too corpulent—too much weight on them. Instead of reducing and insisting upon walking, the man preferred to sit in easy chairs and ride around in his expensive car. Naturally he died too soon while his wife, who had sufficient will power to diet and to take exercises, still lives. Instead of sitting around planning for your funeral, why not begin getting young again? These and other suggestions if followed, might add greatly to your success.—*Gospel Banner.*

Desperate Situation

"The inside workings of European politics are in such a mess as to create a situation more desperate than in 1914."—*Louis Bromfield.*

Total Expenses for this quarter	\$242.44
Deficit from first quarter, 1947	103.69
Total	\$346.13
Total Receipts	\$371.81
Balance on Hand, April 1st	23.89
Total	395.70
Less Expenses	346.13
Balance on Hand June 30, 1947	49.57

Paul Wolgemuth

Worldwide News Currents

Airplanes to Missionaries

Mission boards are watching with interest the results of the airplane purchase made by Christian Airmen's Mission Fellowship, an organization still in its infancy. The first plane was flown to Mexico where it is being used to facilitate the work of the Wycliffe Bible translators. Many mission boards are purchasing airplanes for use on the mission field.

California Women Desire Bibles in Schools

Officials of the California Federation of Women's Clubs proposed to Governor Earl Warren and to state legislators that a law be passed requiring daily Bible reading in California schools.

Costs of War

U. S. spent well unto \$339,000,000,000 in World War II. Canada spent more than \$23,486,000,000. Equivalent to \$2,000 for every man, woman and child in the Dominion and \$2,400 per capita in the U. S.

Who Will Have to Starve

It is stated that 40 million people in the U. S.—British zone of Germany need at least 850,000 tons of grain a month to live. Shipments from outside have amounted to about 330,000 tons of that amount each month. German supplies have been about 200,000 tons short of their quota—cause, partly due to the severe winter.

Quotes

"The thing that impresses me most about America is the way the parents obey their Children."—Duke of Windsor.

"Christianity is confronted with its greatest opportunity in Japan since the birth of Christ."—Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Sinister Threat

"The proposal for the adoption of the New World Calendar, which would set aside Sunday and Sunday observance, has not only been introduced in the United States Congress and covered by the bill H.R. 1935 now under examination by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, but it has also been placed upon the agenda of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

—United Evangelical Action

Doing Her Duty

Princess Elizabeth of England has accepted the position of president of the Church of England Youth Council. She hopes to attend the Conference which the group will hold in Canterbury in August.

—Gospel Banner

Our Complacency Challenged

A correspondent to the PATHFINDER states: "A large part of the responsibility for the ills of the world falls upon the churches of today. Shame on us that we have made no special effort for spiritual recovery and it has become necessary for Bernard Baruch to plead for a mobilization of the church forces.

Mail-Order Sunday School

Sixty thousand children in Canada each week receive Sunday school material through "Sunday School by Post" groups. These are largely in remote places where Sunday schools have not yet been formed. Means for review and report, either by mail or personal visitation, are provided.

Christian Digest

Stating It Bluntly

Said the Rev. Peter Marshall, pastor of Washington's historic New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and new chaplain to the Senate in a recent invocation of that body: "So long have we been riding on the balloon tires of deceit, for our own good we may have to be deflated, that on the rims of humility we may discover the spiritual laws that govern our growth in Grace. If our pride is to be punctured, Lord, make it soon, before we gain too much speed."

Pathfinder

Science Predicts

Prof. Lyman Spitzer, Jr. of Yale University has declared that travel to the planets by rockets using atomic power will be possible during our lifetime. Mars, not the Moon, will be the first planet on which man will set foot, this because the moon is dead and airless, and not much would be gained by landing there.

Unhappy Prospect

Two Columbia bacteriologists, Drs. Theodor Rosebury and Elvin Kabat, have under publication a startling but calmly presented report in the JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY setting forth the reasons for and against the adoption of certain diseases for bacterial warfare. Among the reasons for listing a number as impractical are: (leprosy) too long an incubation period; (Small pox) too many people are vaccinated; (tuberculosis) too hard to spread and it kills too slowly; (bubonic plague) among other reasons, the flea which carries it is too perishable; and (gas gangrene) too hard to get them into wounds.

Those listed as more suitable for warfare are such as: botulism, Weil's disease, anthrax, and pneumonic plague.

Christian Day Schools

Evangelicals in New England have dedicated a new Christian day school in Boston, the first of several expected to be organized in the New England states. This movement is under the sponsorship of the New England Fellowship. The first school began on the junior high school level with grades seven, eight and nine. During the next three years the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades will be progressively added. The calendar for the school year parallels that of the Boston public school system.

His Soul Vexed

A national weekly reports the incident of a 58 year old complainant against the "indecent attire of four young girls sunning themselves on the next door lawn" asking Judge William Bown of Memphis, Tennessee, for permission to sprinkle the neighborhood grass with itching powder.

Though there are more than 216,000 recorded Protestant churches in the United States, yet only a small percentage of "Christian" America attends any service of any church!

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

—George Washington.

Judging the Fruit

C. H. Spurgeon used to tell this story:

An American said to a friend, "I wish you would come down to my garden and taste my apples." He asked him about a dozen times, but the friend did not come and at last the fruit grower said, "I suppose you think my apples are good for nothing, so you won't come and try them."

"Well, to tell the truth," said his friend, "I have tasted them. As I went along the road I picked one up that fell over the wall, and I never tasted anything so sour in all my life. I do not particularly want any more of your fruit."

"Oh," replied the owner of the garden, "I thought it must be so. These apples around the outside are for the special benefit of the boys. I went fifty miles to select the sourest sorts of plant all around the orchard so the boys might give them up as not worth while stealing. But if you will come inside, you will find that we grow a very different quality there, sweet as honey."

Those who judge the church by its worst members (the hangers-on around the edge), those most like the world, make the same mistake.—Selected.

Torrey's Formula for Old-Fashioned Revivals

Dr. R. A. Torrey, the famous evangelist, had a no-fail plan for bringing a revival. We quote Torrey who said:

"I can give a prescription that will bring a revival to any church or community or any city on earth.

"First, let a few Christians (they need not be many) get thoroughly right with God themselves. This is the prime essential! If this is not done, the rest that I am to say will come to nothing.

"Second, let them bind themselves together in a prayer group to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down.

"Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all!

"This is sure to bring a revival to any church or community. I have given this prescription around the world. It has been taken by many churches and many communities, and in no instance has it ever failed; and it cannot fail!"—Selected.

"Christ . . . died for all" (II Cor. 5:14, 15).

Twelve shipwrecked men were laboring in heavy seas in an overloaded boat. One of the seamen, in order to lighten the boat, deliberately sprang overboard. The rest were saved. For which of the eleven did the sailor give his life? If Christ died for all, He died for each; for no one more than another, and no one omitted. The sun shines for nineteen hundred millions of mankind; but I know that it shines for me.—A. T. Pierson.